

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Monday, June 11, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – Board of Education/Department of Finance**

**Public Works Committee Members Present:** Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Jr., Dale Overton, Eric Owen, Jack Vincent, Tommy Jones, and Dennis Doster

**Public Works Committee Members Absent:** None

The Public Works Committee met on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance/Board of Education in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, School Board Member John Hatler, Sheriff Mike Wilson, and two representatives of the media.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 10:10 and called for the approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2018, committee meeting. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was some discussion about the issue of fiber conduit being laid haphazardly by contractor(s) associated with the Zayo Group. Road Supervisor Ross said that he had spoken with his contact at the Zayo Group who explained that they were in the process of finishing and cleaning up the project. Ross stated that his contact said that they had a tracer wire that would help them find if any problems existed, and that a representative from the Highway Department would be onsite to make sure that was the case. Chairperson Westbrook said that in the future, a surety bond should be in place for any such project. Commissioner Owen made the motion to have Road Supervisor Ross see the project through and stay on top of the situation with the Zayo Group, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Overton asked about the status of the spur in District 7. Finance Director Liggett said that he had contacted County Attorney Whitledge about it, and it was found that if the land wasn't sold, it reverts back to the adjacent landowners. Chairperson Westbrook recommended that Director of Finance Liggett find out where the issues stands with County Attorney Allison Whitledge.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS**

**Fund 116 – Solid Waste Fund**

There was some conversation about the tax rate using the new certification, waste tires and dumping. Having no other discussion, Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve Fund 116 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously.

**Fund 131 – Highway Department Fund**

Commissioner Vincent asked what percentage raise the state was mandating for officials, and Finance Director Liggett said it was 4.4%.

46410 – Bridge Program – Supervisor Ross said that three projects were appropriated from this account.

61000 – Administration – Finance Director Liggett said that increases were due to retirement, legacy and hybrid plan increases, and a 2% spike in insurance rates.

62000 – Supervisor Ross stated the increases in some lines here was due to part-time mowers who were budgeted year-round. He mentioned an increase in RS2, other supplies and materials line, in increase in pipe, but overall close to last year's budget. Supervisor Ross stated that he wanted to committee to know that there was no hot mix budgeted in the 2018-19 FY budget, to which there was much discussion and Supervisor Ross provided a rough estimate of \$90,000-\$100,000 per mile for repaving roads in the county. Discussion continued on necessities and costs verses budget.

68000 – Supervisor Ross addressed a significant increase in the account and stated that repairs were absolutely necessary for the Highway Department building located on County Maintenance. He said that there was need for repair on the building's gas line, water line, restrooms, fill lines, septic system, and more. There was discussion on the possibility of a new building, or gutting the existing building and beginning again.

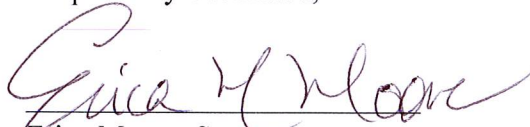
68000-714 – Supervisor Ross mentioned the replacement of a grater and a big dump truck. There was discussion about the bridge program, match on state aid, and the project to widen and gravel the road leading to the new factory in Martin. There was a bit of discussion about bridge projects and repair.

Having no other discussion, Commissioner Overton made the motion to approve Fund 131 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

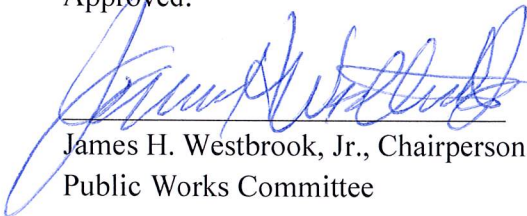
Having no other business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary  
Public Works Committee

Approved:



James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairperson  
Public Works Committee

Date: 8/29/18